



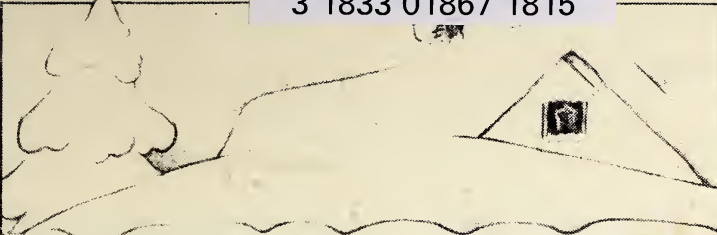


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TOWN REPORT

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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS

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TOWN OF LEYDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Established March 12, 1784

Incorporated February 22, 1809

Population, Federal Census 1990: 662

First Congressional District

Franklin-Hampshire Senatorial District No. 37

Second Franklin Representative District

United States Senator

Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry

Representative in Congress

John W. Olver

Governor

William Weld

State Senator

Robert D. Wetmore

Representative in General Court

Carmen Buell

County Commissioners

Mary Forbes

Margaret Striebel

John Stobierski

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS 1992 - 1993

Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted. Terms expire as of Annual Town Meeting in the year noted.

Moderator

Norman R. Oates, Jr. 1993

Tax Collector

Mary Lou Barton 1993

Town Clerk

Mary Lou Barton 1993

Treasurer

William J.A. Bonwitt 1993

Selectmen - 3 year terms

Wendell L. Barton, Chair 1993

Michele Giarusso 1994

Joseph A. Muka Jr. 1995

Assessors - 3 year terms

Elwin Barton, Chair 1994

Douglas Beck 1995

William Glabach 1993

PVRS Advisory Council

Sharon Fontaine 1994

Rita Klaus 1996

James Nielson 1994

Murdeen Wallace

Edward Snow Jr.

Auditor

Bruce Kaepfel 1993

Tree Warden

Arthur Beaudoin 1993

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Library Trustees - 3 year terms

Carol Johnson	1994
Rita Klaus	1995
Lois Garston	1993

Planning Board - 5 year terms

Daniel Post, Chair	1996
James Finney	1994
Warren Facey, Jr.	1993
David Vreeland	1995
Thomas Luck	1997

Board of Health - 3 year terms

Lois Garston, Chair	1994
Elizabeth Kidder	1995
Harry Neville	1993

Constable - 3 year terms

Richard Morrison	1993
Robert Snow	1994
Bruce Zimmerman	1995

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Town officers elected from the floor at Annual Town Meeting of May 20, 1992 under Article 1 (for one year terms) were:

Fence Viewers

Philip Zimmerman
Carl Johnson
Warren Facey, Jr.

Field Drivers

Carl Johnson
Sidney Herron
Robert Croutworst

Pound Keepers

Arthur Dobias
Edwin Damon, Jr.
Harold Johnson

Surveyors of Wood & Timber

David Baker
Austin Dobias, Jr.
Edward Caron

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS 1992-1993

Arts Council - 2 year terms

Jon Weeks, Chair	1993
Linda Lutz	1992
Ann Bates	1992
Merideth Lien	1992
Sherry Lawson	1993
Karen Loomis	1993
Jeff O'Brien	1994
Carolyn Ashbury	1994

Associate Member - 1 year terms

Laura Timmerman	1993
Richard DiMatteo	1993

Civil Defense Director

Joseph Muka 1994

Conservation Commission - 3 year terms

Richard DiMatteo, Chair 1994

Gerald Garston 1993

Ed Klaus 1993

Thomas Luck 1992

Associate Member - 1 year term

Cornelia Reid 1993

Dog Officer

Barbara Aiston 1993

Election Officer

Mary Lou Barton 1993

Council on Aging

Doris Glabach, Chair 1993

Allen Snow 1993

Doris Snow 1993

Stephen Barber 1993

Nellie Barber 1993

Energy Coordinator

Pamela Brown 1993

Fire Chief

Edward Johnson 1993

Assistant Fire Chiefs

Jerry Wickline 1993

Arthur Beaudoin 1993

Franklin County Advisory Board

Wendell Barton 1993

Franklin County Planning Board

Planning Board's Representative

Peter Tusinski 1993

Selectmen's Rep. Thomas Luck 1993

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Highway Superintendent

Wilfred Franklin	1993
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Historical Commission - 3 year term

Edith Fisher, Chair	1993
Richard Mallory	1993
Katherine Ainsworth	1994
Warren Facey, Jr.	1994
Robert Snow	1994
Sharon Fontaine	1992
Helen Muka	1995

Inspector of Barns & Animals

Paul Zimmerman	1993
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Police Department

Richard Morrison, Chief	1993
Robert Snow, Capt.	1993
Bruce Zimmerman, Lieutenant	1993
Lance Barton	1993
John Claine	1993
Crystal Barton	1993
Heather Aiken	1993

Emergency Call Officers

Russell Denison; Peter Brulotte	1993
Carl Herzig; Rian Graves	1993

Recreation Committee

Neil Black, Chair	1993
Edward Snow Jr.	1993
Arthur Beaudoin	1993
Richard Messer	1993

Alt: Robert Croutworst

James Baker	1993
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Registrars of Voters - 3 year terms

Town Clerk - Mary Lou Barton	
Dorothy Howes	1993
Edith Fisher	1994
Marcia Provost	1992

Right-to-Know Coordinator

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Sandra Yetter	1993
Town Counsel	
Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	1993
Veteran's Agent	
Charles Muldin	1993
Wells Trust Representative - 5 year term	
Laurel Glocheski	1992
Wiring Inspector	
Norman Oates, Jr.	1993
Zoning Board of Appeals - 3 year terms	
Sandra Facey, Chair	1993
Gilbert Stacy	1994
Wendy McAndrews	1995
Alt: Patrice LeMonde	
Associate Members - 1 year terms	
 Franklin County Solid Waste District Committee	
Representative for Leyden	
Robert (Sam) Bartlett	1993
Alison Snow, alternate	1993

MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS 1991 - 1992

Finance Committee - 3 year terms

Janine Risser-Sperry, Chair	1993
William Lawson	1994
Gerald McCarthy	1994
Peter Tusinski	1995
Richard Fontaine	1995

Franklin County Tech. School Committee

Jerry Levine	1992
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Solid Waste Disposal Study Committee

David Vreeland	1992
Robert (Sam) Bartlett	1992
Allison Snow	1992

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1992 was another busy year for the Board of Selectmen. We were kept busy with road construction projects, personnel changes, and keeping up with changing state and federal regulations and requirements while attempting to balance a budget during tight fiscal times.

In 1992, the Leyden Volunteer Fire Department distinguished themselves at the Franklin County Fair, winning the Good Sportsmanship Award at the muster. The Recreation Committee oversaw the complete redesign and reconstruction of the ballfield, putting in a tremendous effort to restore and improve the field. We are happy to report that the field is now in excellent condition, to be used by Leyden residents for many years to come.

The Town agreed to purchase a new highway truck, which was delivered in December. The new vehicle has a combination body, which allows the crew to use it for sanding or as a dump truck without changing bodies; it should be a great labor saver.

We will be faced with some tough decisions regarding solid waste disposal in the not-too-distant future. Bernardston's landfill is slated to close in January, 1994, and our options if that occurs are not clear. The state may grant the Town an extension on this closing date, but we should not count on this; in any event, we must explore our options and be ready for some changes in 1994, some of which may prove quite costly.

In this vein, we are facing difficult budgetary times once again. State aid may well be less than last year's level, while budget requests for running the Town and schools are up. Although we have one new highway truck, the rest of our equipment is aging, and this past spring's snowy winter and brutal mud season serves as a reminder of how much we depend upon our hardworking highway crew.

In April, Leyden participated in Vermont Yankee Atomic's biennial Civil Defense drill. Leyden's part of the drill went very well indeed.

One more development is that the Church of the Latter Day Saints--also known as the Mormons-- have agreed to preserve Leyden's town records on microfilm, at no charge to the Town. We are most grateful to them for agreeing to provide this service, and in so doing safeguarding Leyden's colorful past.

We thank all those town officials and employees who have given so much of their time and themselves to keeping this wonderful little town running over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendell Barton
Michele Giarusso
Joseph A. Muka, Jr.

REPORT OF THE SHARED ADMINISTRATOR

It was indeed a pleasure to work with Leyden officials and townspeople in 1992. I am constantly surprised at how well this small community works, given the limited resources we have, and the limited pool of dedicated volunteers and professionals who keep the works running. Of course, it is that pool of extraordinary people that make this town run so well, and it is these individuals that I salute here, and thank for your dedication and unselfish contribution of your precious time. You make my job easier and more rewarding!

We have made some important changes this past year, most of them positive ones. Along with the "Normal" changes in personnel on various boards and committees, we purchased a much-needed new highway truck, equipped with a modern combination body that should save our hardworking highway crew some time and aggravation; we have begun plastic recycling with help from the Solid Waste District, Goodwill Industries, and the County Tech School; we are working on a new police station; and, perhaps most significantly, the town hired its first Accountant, Stephen Shepherd. We're on our way to the 21st century!

For those who don't know, my job is to assist in the running of the town in any way I can. This takes the form of writing grants and loans, handling bidding, insurance, legal research, and a large dose of minor actions which collectively help keep things running smoothly and professionally. My hours were reduced in FY'93 from 20 per week to 15 (my idea) in order to save money in these tight times, so I have had less discretionary time for special projects. I do undertake projects when there's time, however. Because of this reduction in my budget, we have been able to increase the hours of the Town Secretary, Sandy Yetter, which has been a great boon. Sandy has taken over my clerical responsibilities, and she has the Town Office running smoothly and efficiently.

Michele Giarusso, Wendell Barton, and Joe Muka have comprised a really easy-to-work with Board of Selectmen, and I have been honored to work with them. I look forward to serving the town of Leyden in the upcoming fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geoffrey A. Rogers
Shared Administrator
Leyden and Bernardston

**TOWN OF LEYDEN
WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

FRANKLIN, ss:

To Any of the Constables of the Town of Leyden

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in elections and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, Monday the Seventeenth (17th) day of May next at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year,

One Assessor for three years
One Board of Health Member for three years
One Collector of Taxes for one year
One Constable for three years
One Library Trustee for three years
One Moderator for one year
One Planning Board Member for five years
One Selectman for three years
One Town Clerk for one year
One Treasurer for one year
One Tree Warden for one year
Three Fence Viewers for one year
Three Field Drivers for one year
Three Pound Keepers for one year
Three Surveyors of Wood & Timber for one year,
and fill any vacancies that may occur.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Town Officers for the year 1993, or pass any votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41, of the General Laws as amended; and to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the following sums therefore, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

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Assessors:	
Chair	1,600.00
Other Members (2)	2,600.00
Collector of Taxes	4,000.00
Constable	80.00
Board of Health:	
Chair	150.00
Other Members (2)	200.00
Moderator	
Annual Meeting @ 15.00	
Special Meetings (3) @ 5.00 each	30.00
Planning Board:	
Chair	150.00
Other Members (4)	400.00
Selectmen:	
Chair	700.00
Other Members (2)	1,300.00
Town Clerk & Registrar	2,000.00
Treasurer	2,400.00
	<u>\$15,610.00</u>

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the following sums of money for the necessary expenses of the town, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Accountant	\$5,600.00
Ambulance Service Expense	2,231.00
Animal Control Officer	400.00
Assessor's Clerk	1,300.00
Assessors' Expense	1,300.00
Board of Health	250.00
Building Inspector	3,498.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Detector Inspection	100.00
Electrical Inspector	850.00
Finance Committee Expense	95.00
Inspector Barns & Animals	75.00
Legal Expense	1,500.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Moderator's Expense	50.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	600.00
Planning Board Expense	150.00

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Printing	1,100.00
School Committee Travel:	
Elementary	400.00
PVRs	300.00
Tech School	100.00
Selectmen's Expense	1,100.00
Selectmen's Clerk	5,500.00
Tax Collector's Expense	1,500.00
Town Administrative Assistant	12,686.00
Town Clerk's Expense	750.00
Treasurer's Expense	1,500.00
Tree Warden Wages & Expenses	800.00
Veterans' Benefit Account	6,540.00
	<u>\$50,875.00</u>

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the following sum for the operation and expenses of the Police Department or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Salaries: Chief	\$3,000.00
Capital	500.00
Dues and Fees	250.00
Emergency Dispatch	3,106.00
Equipment Maintenance	500.00
Fuel, Oil, Vehicle Maintenance	2,500.00
Hourly Wages	5,608.00
Materials, Supplies, Services	500.00
Telephones	300.00
Training & Equipment	1,125.00
Utilities	500.00
	<u>17,889.00</u>

Article 6 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the following sum for the operation and expenses of the Fire Department, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Salaries: Chief	\$500.00
Assistant Chief	400.00
Emergency Dispatch	3,106.00
Equipment & Supplies	2,527.00
Hepatitis B Vaccine	100.00
Hourly Pay/Firefighting	1,100.00
Training & Memberships	500.00

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Utilities, Building Maintenance	1,154.00
Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	2,000.00
	<u>\$11,387.00</u>

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$4,500.00** for the Town Buildings Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$3,000.00** for the Reserve Fund, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the Stabilization Fund, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote and raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the Notes & Interest Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$1,500.00** to the Conservation, Recreation and Scenic Land Acquisition Fund, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$113,798.00** for Maintenance and Construction of the Town's Roads, and to appropriate from State Chapter 33 funds, the amount of **\$75,906.00** or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$30,134.35** for the Machinery Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to borrow or otherwise provide the sum of **\$130,000.00** to purchase a new grader, said vote to be contingent upon the favorable outcome of a future referendum, if needed, to authorize overriding the levy limits in accordance with MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C subsections G and M, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek a special act of the legislature to allow for appointment of the Town Treasurer by said Board of Selectmen, said special act to take effect on the date of the regular Town Election 1994, or take any votes in relation thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant (E.E.O.G.) in the amount of **\$121,656.00** for the fiscal year 1994 under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 70A, Section 5 as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant to be expended by the School Committee for direct service expenditures, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 437,823.00** for the Town's share of the Operating Budget of the Pioneer Valley Regional School (PVRs) District as adopted by the PVRs District Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, said vote to be contingent upon the favorable outcome of a future referendum, if needed, to authorize overriding the levy limits in accordance with MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C subsections G and M, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,736.00** for the Town's share of the Capital Budget of the Pioneer Valley Regional School (PVRs) District as adopted by the PVRs District Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$48,000.00** for the repayment of indebtedness incurred by the Town for the purposes of remodeling, reconstructing, and otherwise improving the elementary school, said indebtedness having been incurred by vote of the Town at a Town Meeting held on March 25, 1991, and said amount to be raised outside of the debt limit as voted by the Town at said Town Meeting and later ratified by ballot, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Franklin County Technical School District to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant (E.E.O.G.) in the amount of \$ from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of an unspecified amount in additional educational aid for fiscal 1993, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,301.00** capital and operating costs as Leyden's share of the Franklin County Technical School Budget for Fiscal Year 1993, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Franklin County Technical School District agreement as follows:

1. Delete current Section IV (E) (2).
2. Delete current Section IV (E) (3) and replace with the following, renumbering to Section IV (E) (2):

"If there is enrollment in the regional district school on October 1 of any year and the total enrollment on said date is equal to or greater than 75 % of the design capacity of the school, operating costs for the ensuing year shall be apportioned to each member by computing the ration which that town's average pupil enrollment in the regional district based on the current year and four immediately preceding years for which the apportionment is determined, bears to the average total enrollment based on the same five (5) year period on said date.
3. Delete current Section IV (E) (4) and replace with the following, renumbering to Section IV (E) (3):

If there is enrollment in the regional district school on October 1 of any year, but the total of such enrollment on said date is less than 75 % of the design capacity of the school and a member town's enrollment is less than 75 % of its pupil entitlement, for the purpose of calculating the member towns average pupil enrollment referenced in Section IV (E) (2) above, said town shall be deemed to have an enrollment in the regional school district on said date equal to 75 % of its entitlement.
4. Add the following to Section IV (F):

The five (5) year averaging process, referenced in Section IV (E) above, shall not be applicable to special operating costs.
5. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Section X (B), this amendment will take affect on July 1, 1995, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the purpose of Auditing the town books , or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$30,000.00** for insurance coverage and personnel-related costs, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Library Incentive Grant of **\$1,550.00** and raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,025.00**, or otherwise provide a total of **\$5,575.00** for the Robertson Memorial Library, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the Recreation Committee, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Account for the Recreation Committee, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, in order to purchase supplies and meet expenses associated with the running of certain recreational programs, and for the purpose of building a pavilion, said supplies and expenses not to exceed **\$2,500.00** annually, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Account for the Animal Control Officer, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, in order to purchase supplies and meet expenses associated with the capture, care and keeping of dogs, said supplies and expenses not to exceed **\$300.00** annually, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Account for the Board of Health, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, in order to purchase supplies and meet expenses. Said supplies and expenses not to exceed **\$250.00** annually, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to increase the size of the Board of Health to 5 members, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of **\$ 637.00** to pay its allocated share of the budget of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 32: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the sum of **\$837.50** for the Town's share in a regional collection of household hazardous waste to be coordinated by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as it relates to Yard Requirements by adopting the following amendment (see separate text attached) or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Driveway requirements amendment to the Zoning Bylaw (see separate text attached), or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Water Quality amendment to the Zoning Bylaw (see separate text attached), or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 36: To see if the Town will instruct its representatives to the General Court to support an amendment to the FY'94 state budget to guarantee that cities and towns receive the full **\$47 million** growth in lottery revenues, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 37: To see if the town will instruct its representatives to the General Court to support legislation filed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association that would establish in state law a Local Roads Fund in order to ensure a fair and predictable share of state gas tax collections for distribution to cities and towns for use on local roads, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to approve the submission of a petition to the General Court requesting to adopt **Special Legislation** that would authorize the Town to conduct a **RECALL ELECTION**, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 39: To see if the Town will instruct its representatives to the General Court to support legislation requiring that **47.6%** of the existing gas tax collections be returned to cities and towns for use on local roads. or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to change the date of the Annual Town Meeting to the 3rd Saturday in May or take any votes in relation thereto.

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof on the Town Hall seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by the vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands the Twenty seventh day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Two.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Giarusso
Wendell Barton

Selectmen of Leyden

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The town of Leyden continues to cope with the many facets of the national economic recession. While state aid and local receipts remain static, costs and long deferred infrastructure projects continue to exert budgetary pressures. This environment necessitates new solutions and the town has undertaken several initiatives to meet these challenges.

The 1993 budget was adopted with out the need to seek an override. K - 12 regionalization of the schools realized an increase in state aid. The assessors achieved several efficiencies which improved the timely receipts of town monies. Also it is hoped that other moves such as quarterly tax payments, the hiring of a town accountant and other streamlining measures will have a positive impact on cash flow and thereby reduce interest payments on debt.

Town meeting initiated action to begin certain capital improvements. This year the highway department received a new truck/sander. It is hoped that the town will be able to continue prudent capital projects in the future.

Difficult financial decisions are never easy. Careful, long range planning combined with a recovering economy and the determination of the citizens of Leyden will help steer a course of fiscal stability.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Risser-Sperry
Gerald McCarthy
William Lawson
Richard Fontaine
Peter Tusinski

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TREASURER'S REPORT - FY 1991

FISCAL YEAR 1992 FINANCIAL REPORT

Arts Lottery Income	1,751.00
Board of health permits	400.00
Building Permits	1,500.00
Chap188 Grant Income	15,409.00
Chapter 15 Reimbursement	18,546.64
Chapter 90 Highway	31,478.10
Cherry Sheet	79,524.00
District Court Income	650.00
Dog licenses	427.75
Dog violations	83.00
Elderly Abatement Reimbursement	2,473.00
Electric/wiring permits	615.00
Equal Opportunity Grant	13,374.00
Extended Polling Hours	42.00
Farm Excise FY90	17.50
Farm Excise FY91	2,216.28
Interest	6,006.27
Interest on Taxes	4,575.13
Library MEG Grant	1,625.18
Machinery Earnings	411.00
Miscellaneous permits	811.00
Motor Vehicle Excise 89	52.29
Motor Vehicle Excise 90	724.90
Motor Vehicle Excise 91	15,701.19
Motor Vehicle Excise 92	15,297.20
Note income	310,000.00
Payroll Deductions FY91	5,755.16
Personal Property 90	29.26
Personal Property 91	13,952.93
Plumbing permit	1,017.00
Real Estate Tax FY88	1,149.43
Real Estate Tax FY89	2,398.78
Real Estate Tax FY90	4,638.64
Real Estate Tax FY91	93,024.10
Real Estate Tax FY92	471,406.36
Recreation Revolving Fund	585.00
Registry from fines	35.00
School Building Note	425,213.89
School Lunch Income	1,271.30
Smoke Detector Fees	70.00
SouthSchoolhouse Project	25,757.32
Trans. from Stabilization	10,855.00
Tuition for PreSchool	1,398.10
Unassigned income	3,246.11

TOTAL INCOME	1,585,514.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,749,850.87
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(164,336.06)
BALANCE FORWARD FROM FY91	178,700.43
OVERALL TOTAL	
Cash on Hand 6/30/92	14,364.37

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FY92 Town Expenditures		Appropriation Accounts		
Account	Appropriation	Transfers	Expended	Balance
Salaries	12,390.52		11,499.98	890.54
Ambulance Service	2,292.00		2,292.00	0.00
Assessors Clerk, Salary	750.00		750.00	0.00
Assessors Expense	1,300.00		1,088.50	211.50
Board of Health Expense	150.00		22.60	127.40
Building Inspector Expense	4,261.40		4,261.40	0.00
Cemetaries	150.00		100.00	50.00
Conservation Commission	150.00		113.00	37.00
Smoke Detector Inspection	200.00		160.00	40.00
Dog Officer Sal & Exp	400.00		203.30	196.70
Electrical Inspection	850.00		580.00	270.00
Finance Committee Expense	95.00		95.00	0.00
Inspector Barns & Animals	75.00		75.00	0.00
Legal Expense	1,000.00		1,615.21	(615.21)
Memorial Day Expense	150.00		70.17	79.83
Moderator Expense	50.00		0.00	50.00
Office Equip & Supplies	600.00		904.90	(304.90)
Planning Board Expenses	150.00		180.00	(30.00)
Printing Expense	1,500.00		1,501.21	(1.21)
School Committee Travel	640.00		640.00	0.00
Selectmen's Expense	1,100.00		1,131.19	(31.19)
Selectmen's Clerk, Salary	1,750.00		1,568.00	182.00
Tax Collector Expenses	1,550.00		1,488.52	61.48
Town Admin Asst, Salary	15,000.00		15,040.48	(40.48)
Town Clerk Expenses	750.00		602.92	147.08
Treasurer's Expenses	1,500.00		1,647.84	(147.84)
Tree Warden, Salaries Exp	800.00		0.00	800.00
Subtotal Article 4	37,213.40		36,131.24	1,082.16
Police Dept.	15,008.00		15,728.09	(720.09)
Fire Dept.	4,000.00	1,216.72	5,216.72	(0.00)
Elementary School	244,137.00		244,157.25	(20.25)
Franklin County Tech	19,527.85		17,848.22	1,679.63
Pioneer VRS	155,103.00		144,810.57	10,292.43
Pioneer Capital Budget	8,348.09		8,348.39	(0.30)
Highway Maintenance	87,480.00		87,476.50	3.50
Machinery	30,135.00		30,043.80	91.20
Library	3,277.24		3,277.24	0.00
Town Buildings	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00
Insurance	53,500.00		35,352.46	18,147.54
Notes and Interest	15,300.00	15,231.00	30,530.74	0.26
Reserve Fund	3,000.00	(1,216.72)		1,783.28
Recreation	1,500.00		524.79	975.21
Fr. Co. Solid Waste	757.00		757.00	0.00
Stabilization	22,000.00	(15,231.00)	160.00	6,609.00
Encumbered for Stabilization			6,609.00	(6,609.00)
Computer (Assessors)	1,200.00		823.38	376.62
TOTAL	717,877.10	0.00	683,295.37	34,581.73

TOWN OF LEYDEN - 1992 - TOWN REPORT

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2/22/93 TOWN OF LEYDEN as of June 30, 1992
BALANCE SHEET
FY 1992

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	14,364.37	Overlay	1992 4,109.69
			1991 3,666.95
			1990 8,410.41
Accounts Receivable - Taxes			1989 1,753.67
1992 Real Estate	114,143.04		1988 4,372.04
1991 Real Estate	33,262.45		1987 2,678.85
1990 Real Estate	17,890.81		
1989 Real Estate	5,172.24	Receipts Reserved for Approp.	
1988 Real Estate	784.33	or Unexpended Grants	
1987 Real Estate	266.92	Arts Lottery Council	1,630.66
	171,519.79	Dog License Fees	427.75
1992 Personal Property	15,144.32		
1991 Personal Property	486.07	Machinery Earnings	462.91
1990 Personal Property	175.81	Council on Aging	1,496.15
1989 Personal Property	475.87	Pre-School Tuition	810.10
1988 Personal Property	12.40	Recreation revolving	585.00
	16,294.47	Chap 188 Early Child	588.87
1992 Motor Vehicle	6,576.68		
1991 Motor Vehicle	705.13	Aid To Libraries	1,836.43
1990 Motor Vehicle	(8,934.69)		
1989 Motor Vehicle	261.41		
1988 Motor Vehicle	1,180.63	Appropriation Balances	
1987 Motor Vehicle	559.69	Encumbered Funds	25,581.80
1986 Motor Vehicle	66.25		
1985 Motor Vehicle	5.00	Payroll Deductions	
	420.10	Federal Income Tax	0.00
1992 Farm Excise	2,329.27	Mass Income Tax	873.89
1991 Farm Excise	(38.09)	Blue Cross	0.00
1990 Farm Excise	475.03	Group Life	(19.35)
1989 Farm Excise	1,250.66	Medicare	0.00
	4,016.87	Franklin Cty Retire	552.90
Bond Commitment	419,000.00	Note Payable (Bond)	419,000.00
Tax Title	5,024.03	Revenue	
		Motor Vehicle	420.10
Chapter 15 Highway	72.85	Farm Excise	4,016.87
Chapter 121 Highway	4,309.67	Tax Title	5,024.03
South Schoolhouse Road	9,396.46		
		Surplus Revenue	156,138.89
TOTAL	644,418.61	TOTAL	644,418.61

2/22/93

Prepared by: William J.A. Bonwitt, Treasurer

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Stabilization and Trust Funds FY92

thru Jun 30, 1992

		Balance Forward 7/1/91	Balance 6/30/92	Accumulated Interest FY92	
Stabilization					
0011-00044014678		26,687.50	16,805.53	973.03	
in checking account			6,609.00		
Total Stabilization		26,687.50	23,414.53		
Transfer from (FY91)		10,855.00			
Transfer from Spent		15,391.00			
Transfer to Voted		22,000.00			
Trust Funds					
0011-00044040491		26,455.56	27,727.00	1,271.44	
	Share				Available Interest
Barstow	10.3170	2,729.30	2,860.47	131.17	1,860.47 ✓
Robertson Lib	9.8210	2,598.13	2,723.00	124.87	1,723.00 ✓
Davenport Lib	10.7070	2,832.63	2,968.76	136.13	1,968.76 ✓
Davenport Poor/Sch	7.5430	1,995.62	2,091.52	95.90	991.52 ✓
Beaver Meadow Ceme	3.3140	876.69	918.83	42.14	528.83
Land Acquisition	43.5250	11,514.88	12,068.27	553.39	
MSCP Trust	14.7730	3,908.31	4,096.14	187.83	
		26,455.56	27,727.00	1,271.44	7,072.59

Principal	Purpose
Barstow	1,000.00 "support of poor"
Roberston Library	1,000.00 "care of building"
Davenport Library	1,000.00 "purchase books"
Davenport poor/school	1,100.00 "equal amounts for poor and school"
Beaver Meadow Cem	390.00 "perpetual care certain plots"

12. M. Library Trust - income only to be used for maintenance of Library

Dao. Library Book Fund - income only to be used to buy books for Library

Marie Barstow Fund - income only for support of the poor.

Davenport Poor & School Fund - income only to be used in equal shares for poor and schools

TOWN OF LEYDEN - 1992 - TOWN REPORT

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991

	Bal. Fwd.	Committed	Refunds	Total Collectable	Collected	Abated	Tax Title	Balance Uncollected
REAL ESTATE								
1987	391.91	.00	.00	391.92	224.92	.00	.00	167.00
1988	4,517.01	.00	.00	4,517.01	1,533.88	.00	.00	2,983.13
1989	12,482.76	.00	.00	12,482.76	5,462.88	.00	.00	7,019.88
1990	130,061.00	.00	189.67	130,250.67	108,429.17	5,058.60	535.19	16,227.71
1991	.00	562,043.96	722.61	562,766.57	427,861.33	3,775.16	607.12	130,521.96
PERSONAL PROPERTY NON- DOMICILE								
1988	6.07	.00	.00	6.07	.00	.00	.00	6.07
1989	334.40	.00	.00	334.40	.00	.00	.00	334.40
1990	553.62	.00	.00	553.62	409.04	.00	.00	144.58
1991	.00	1,141.62	.00	1,141.62	.00	.00	.00	1,141.62
FARM EXCISE								
1989	1,221.41	.00	.00	1,221.41	.00	.00	.00	1,221.41
1990	1,479.82	.00	.00	1,479.82	1,026.80	.00	.00	453.02
1991	.00	2,178.19	.00	2,178.19	.00	.00	.00	2,178.19
BUSINESS EXCISE								
1989	170.72	.00	.00	170.72	.00	.00	.00	170.72
1990	4,227.57	.00	.00	4,227.57	4,227.57	.00	.00	.00
1991	.00	13,297.38	.00	13,297.38	.00	.00	.00	13,297.38
MOTOR VEHICLE								
1985	5.00	.00	.00	5.00	.00	.00	.00	5.00
1986	66.25	.00	.00	66.25	.00	.00	.00	66.25
1987	354.50	.00	.00	354.50	8.75	.00	.00	345.75
1988	303.11	.00	.00	303.11	46.25	.00	.00	256.86
1989	7,190.48	.00	.00	7,190.48	2,711.27	.00	.00	3,479.21
1990	4,852.50	12,502.01	.00	17,354.51	13,024.30	756.77	.00	3,573.44
1991	.00	21,055.34	.00	21,055.34	8,493.75	26.46	.00	12,535.13
	168,218.74	612,218.50	912.28	781,349.52	574,459.91	9,617.99	1142.31	192,060.87

Taxes Collected \$574,459.91 Interest on Taxes \$2,022.26 Interest on checking \$576.75
Paid to Treasurer \$577,858.92 Fees retained \$1,060.00

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Patton, Collector of Taxes

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1991 FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Resident Citizen Fishing	11@	\$12.50	\$137.50
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	1@	6.50	6.50
Resident Citizen Fishing Age 65-69	2@	6.25	12.50
Non-Resident Citizen/Alien Fishing	3@	17.50	52.50
Resident Citizen Hunting	12@	12.50	150.00
Non. Res. Citizen/Alien Hunting	6@	48.50	291.00
Res. Citizen Sporting	32@	19.50	624.00
Res. Citizen Sporting Age 65-69	1@	9.75	9.75
Res. Citizen Sporting Over 70	6@	FREE	FREE
Duplicate Sporting	2@	2.00	4.00
Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps	24@	5.10	122.40
Wildlands Conversation Stamp Resident	58@	5.00	290.00
Wildlands Conversation Stamp Non-Resident	9@	5.00	45.00
	167		\$1,745.15

Fees retained by Town Clerk @ .50 or \$.10 36.40

Sent to Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife \$1,708.75

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lou Barton, Town Clerk

1992 DOGS

Male	60	\$3.00	\$180.00
Female	10	\$6.00	60.00
Spayed Female	56	\$3.00	168.00
Kennel	9	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>

Totals 135 498.00

Fees retained by Town Clerk @ \$.75 101.25

Sent to Town of Leyden \$396.75

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Lou Barton
Town Clerk

1991 BIRTHS FOR THE TOWN OF LEYDEN

Feb 2

Lilly Call O'Brien

Jeffrey Lambert O'Brien
Amy Elizabeth Call O'Brien
31 Glen Road, Leyden

Feb 27

Francesca Margaret Palazzo

Paul Stephen Palazzo
Melinda Connors Palazzo
160 Rolling Lane, Leyden

Mar 17

Jeanne Betts Bartlett

Robert Goodwin Bartlett
Marie Betts Bartlett
83 River Road, Leyden

Apr 5

Alexandra Rose Edwards Post

Daniel Post
Nancy Hawley Edwards
73 River Road, Leyden

Jun 2,

Ian Michael Leonard

Mark Andrew Leonard
Patrice Lynn Powers Leonard
257 East Hill Road, Leyden

Jun 19,

Hannah Celia Moore

Douglas John Moore, Sr
Marguerite Marie Allen Moore
North County Road, Leyden

Dec 26,

Jonathan Edward Caron

Edward John Caron, Jr
Rhonda Ann Theroux Caron
1020 Greenfield Road, Leyden

1992 MARRIAGES FOR THE TOWN OF LEYDEN

Date	Groom/Bride	Residence
Jan 18	Mark Andrew Leonard	Leyden
	Patrice Lynn LeMonde	Leyden
Jul 4	Robert E. Martin	Greenfield
	Gay E. Baker	Greenfield
Sep 5	Mark Anthony LaBier	Leyden
	Kimberly Lea Fiske	Leyden
Oct 3	Scott Anthony Wyckoff	NJ
	Lisa Anne Barton	OH
Nov 28	Edward John Caron, Jr.	Leyden
	Rhonda Ann Theroux	Leyden

1992 DEATHS FOR THE TOWN OF LEYDEN

Date	Name	Age
Mar 27	Denise Rockwell Pratt,	33
97 River Road		
Apr 1	Richard Lawrence Canedy,	60
Kately Hill Road		
Jul 13	Ronald Lee Barton	40
97 Brattleboro Road		
Nov 16	Blanche E. Phillips,	81
60 Glen Road		

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE
BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM**

I herewith submit my annual report of the FCCIP for the Fiscal Year 1992. The total number of building permits was the same as FY'91, although the total project valuation dropped by 25%, and indication that building is on-going but somewhat scaled down.

The number of housing starts is up by more than 10% from FY'92. Conway, Shutesbury, and Buckland were the most active members of the Cooperative, accounting for 42% of the housing starts and 35% of the overall permits.

In FY'92, we witnessed the return to only one Building Inspector: the Building Commissioner's position was eliminated at the end of FY'91 due to budget constraints placed on our member towns.

Time spent by the Building Inspector on zoning review and enforcement has accelerated as more citizens try to utilize their homes or accessory structures as sources of supplemental income. With one inspector handling the same number of permits as were handled previously by town, and with the increased demand in zoning reviews, the permitting process may sometimes take a little longer; the patience of our townspeople is greatly appreciated during this time. Please remember that his office is a vast informational source and we are always willing to discuss concerns and questions of any appropriate nature.

I would like to thank all the residents, builders, town officials and boards for their assistance, guidance, and patience through FY'92. I look forward to continuing to serve the 15 communities of the Cooperative.

In 1992, 24 building permits were issued in Leyden, representing a total construction value of \$656,620. There were 3 dwelling units issued, 6 certificates of occupancy and 3 certificates of inspection. Fees collected totalled \$2,260.00.

Victor E. Staley
Inspector of Buildings

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Enclosed is the Calendar Year Report for 1992. I issued 62 plumbing and gas permits in Leyden in 1992, for a total of \$990.00 in fees. Sincere thanks to all town officials for your help and cooperation during the year. I appreciated it very much.

Sincerely,
Paulin J. Bukowski
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

**REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES
ROBERTSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The Robertson Memorial Library has been active in many ways.

Some much-needed repairs have been completed to the building including a new and efficient heating system, repairs to the chimney, grading in front of the library and paving the walkway.

We continue to work on long range goals and objectives and are beginning to formulate written policy such as a materials selection policy, personnel policy and trustee by-laws.

The friends of the Library has been revitalized and Amy O'Brien is the new chairperson. They have been sponsoring activities at the library that help make the library more inviting and enjoyable.

I have attended two library training workshops this year and have received my state certificate of librarianship. The main focus of my work has been to organize the library, to weed the collection thoroughly, discarding worn out and outdated books and to purchase current and appropriate material. The library now owns a VCR which circulates nearly constantly. The bookmobile and the inter-library loan services continue to be a crucial part of our library.

Over 5,000 books, videos and audios have circulated during 1992, an increase of 50%.

The library is open Monday and Wednesday 2:30-6:00 and Saturday 9:00 - 12:00. (Summer hours may vary.)

1993 marks the 80th birthday of our library building and we hope to celebrate that fact this year.

Laura Timmerman, Librarian

Carol Johnson, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Rita Klaus

Lois Garston

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission wishes to report that we had a moderately active 1992. Our function is to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and in that capacity we reviewed and, if required, took action on any activity which would impact wetlands in our town. We did a number of site inspections, reviewed four forest cutting plans and issued several Notices of Intent and Determinations of Applicability.

Four members of the Commission attended a Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners all day workshop held at Holy Cross College. Each member participated in three different workshops.

We accepted from Marsha Arms, on behalf of the town, property known as "Church Woods".

We welcomed Cornelia Reid as a new member of the Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard DiMatteo, Chairman
Gerald Garston
Ed Klaus
Tom Luck
Cornelia Reid

PLANNING BOARD

In addition to its usual business of reviewing plans for the redrawing of property lines and the issuing of special permits under zoning bylaws, the Planning Board began a thorough review of our zoning bylaws to see if they were serving the interests of the citizens of Leyden in the best possible way, and whether they would continue to do so in the foreseeable future.

The first subject of our review was water resource protection. With a growing population and with the great number of hazardous products now in use that are capable of contaminating our precious water, we felt that it was crucial to set down certain guidelines to preserve the quality of our surface and groundwater. Over a period of several months, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, the Board of Health, and the County Planner met to develop these guidelines. Three public hearings were held, and the proposals will soon be brought before a special town meeting.

In the coming year, the Planning Board will turn its attention to other parts of the zoning-bylaws to bring them in line with our current needs as a town. We welcome your attendance at our monthly meetings, which are now being held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Post, Chairman
Warren Facey
Jim Finney
Tom Luck
Dave Vreeland

LEYDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department responded to seventeen calls in 1992:

- 2 Medical emergencies
- 3 Mutual aid given
- 1 False alarm
- 3 Chimney related structure fires
- 2 Electrical shorts
- 4 Brush/grass fires
- 1 Vehicle fire
- 1 Fire investigation

Nine people completed First Responder first aid.

Permits issued:

- 5 Smoke detector inspections
- 4 Fuel oil storage permits
- 1 Blasting permit

The fire department joined the Franklin County Dispatch who now answer our fire phone and alert firefighters via the beeper system. All houses in town were numbered. This brings our town closer to being a part of the planned E-911 system for Franklin County.

The fire department initiated a mandatory once a month training for all fire fighters, and pay for responding to fires and training time.

Purchases made from the fire department budget were:

tires for the tanker

750 gal per minute front end pump for the tanker

portable lights

replaced a door at the fire station and insulated another door

maintenance of building and equipment

Purchases made from the fire fighters association:

9 pairs of bunker pants

2 helmets

2 pairs boots

1 turnout coat

2 S.C.B.A. with voice diaphragms

Respectfully submitted,

Edward I. Johnson, Fire Chief

**REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992**

This year finished out with less than the usual number of break & entries. I hope that this is due to the fact that we had more coverage at different times of the day. We were able to get coverage because of the added number of officers and the fact that they were willing to work a lot of short shifts.

I would like to thank the people of the town of Leyden for their support in raising money and materials for the planned police station. I would also like to thank my people for the time they have given in this effort.

A special thanks to the members of the P.D. for the time and dedications they have given in the last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard H. Morrison,
Chief of Police

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CRIMINAL CALLS

Homicide	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
A&B D/W	0
Assault	2
Arson	2
B&E	6
Attp. B&E	2
Larceny	0
Larc. Ck.	0
Fraud	0
Vandalism	1
Weap. Violation	0
Gamb. Violation	0
Drug Violation	0
Sex Offense	0
Protective Cust.	0
Civil	0
Disorderly	0
Death Invest	2
Alcohol Violation	6
Arrests:	
Juvenile	0
Adult	2

Totals 19

SERVICE CALLS

Alarms	10
Animal Comp.	9
Disturbances	0
Domestic Dist	6
Missing/Runaway/	
Truant	0
Fire Assist	3
Medical	6
Lost & Found	0
Mutual Aid	10
Trespass/Prowlers	1
Susp. M.V. Person	12

Aid to Public	8
House Checks	17
F.I.D. Cards	6
Lic To Carry Firearms	14
Firearms Dealers	2
Summons Served	12
Warrants Served	0
Rest. Orders Svd	3
Other Calls/Phone	87
Security Checks	35
Accidents	11
Fatal	0
Disabled M.V.	8
Hit & Run	0
Stolen M.V.	1
Deft Equip. Tags	0
<u>M.V. Citations</u>	
Warnings	62
Non-Criminal	18
Comp. Appl	4
O.U.I. Arrests	0
Cruiser Calls/	
Invest/Aid	161
<u>Total</u>	<u>508</u>

REVENUES

Fines from Court	
Lic. to Carry Perm	380
F.I.D. Cards	10

Total Revenue

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE DOG OFFICER

FEBRUARY 2, 1992 - DECEMBER 31, 1992

Complaints	16
Vicious Complaints	4
Warnings	1
Lost Dogs	14
Lost Cats	2
Strays picked up	11
Adoptions	1
Escapees	1
Bites	2
Euthanized	1
Letters to collect	0
Fees and fines	1
Reported wildlife deaths	3
Calls to env. police	2
Meetings attended	2
Damaged livestock	4
Miscellaneous	1
Fines collected	\$156.00
Retained for fees	\$ 66.00
Sent to town of Leyden	\$ 90.00

The dog officer's duties involve quite a bit more than I'm sure anyone realized, including myself. I've learned a lot in the past months and enjoy the experience. I've tried to be fair to everyone, and I've taken good care of the dogs I've taken in.

There have been times I have been called for and i'm not available but, please bear with me, and I will get to you as soon as I can.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Aiston - Dog Officer

TRUSTEES OF THE FRED W. WELLS TRUST FUND

Funds available for the fiscal year 1992 - 1993 were \$148,190.00 which were allocated to three specific areas: Education, Health and Agriculture.

Education

The Trustees received 259 applications for education grants, and approved 183 students to receive \$120,190. The Trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

Health

Four (4) health programs were approved. The following received funds totaling \$21,000.

1. Western Mass Children with Attention Disorders & Deficits	\$1,000.00
2. Hospice in Franklin County	4,000.00
3. New England Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)	5,500.00
4. Massachusetts Easter Seal Swim Program Greenfield YMCA (Therapeutic swimming program for disabled children)	500.00

Agriculture

An amount of \$7,000 was allowed by the Board of Trustees for payment:

1. Franklin County Agriculture Society	5,300.00
2. Heath Fair	1,500.00
3. Shelburne Grange	200.00

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Glocheski

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required by state statutes and regulations to perform many important and crucial duties relative to the protection of public health, the control of disease, the promotion of sanitary living conditions, and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution. These requirements reflect the legislature's understanding that many critical health problems are best handled by the involvement of local community officials familiar with local conditions.

Being novices in the area of public health, we members of the Leyden board of health have been making concerted efforts to inform and educate ourselves so that we can carry out the responsibilities delegated to us under the laws of the Commonwealth. The board has joined two organizations which provide us with training opportunities and technical assistance: The Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) and the Franklin Hampshire Boards of Health Association. In September board members Garston and Kidder participated in two training experiences: the first was an all day workshop in "On-site Sewage Disposal" which was sponsored by the Franklin, Hamden, and Hampshire Conservation Districts, the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the second was the annual meeting of MAHB where we received training for new board of health members and attended a forum on raccoon rabies.

In response to the growing concern regarding the spread of raccoon rabies in Massachusetts, the BOH has organized a Leyden Rabies Subcommittee which includes the dog officer, a selectman, the animal inspector, a police officer and an interested citizen. This committee will prepare a local rabies plan as requested by the Massachusetts Department of public health.

We witnessed 16 perc tests of which 13 passed. 14 Tests were for new systems and 2 were for repairs to systems that were not up to Title V standards. Only these two systems were actually installed.

We thoroughly inspected the facilities at Camp Lion Knoll. This required two separate visits. The staff gave us their complete cooperation and we granted the necessary permits.

We passed three regulations as a result of the work of the Leyden Water Resource Protection Committee:

1. Regulation providing for septic system inspection upon sale of property or change in use.
2. Regulation regarding pumping of septic systems

3. Private well regulation

These regulations were adopted on September 16 and became effective on October 1, 1992.

Finally, we have been engaged in totally reorganizing our files. This will not only help us in our record keeping, but will allow residents the opportunity to review records on their property.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Garston, Chair
Elizabeth Kidder
Harry Neville

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging has had an active year. We meet on the second Thursday of the month and have 12 to 18 people in attendance. A home cooked meal is offered and the programs varied; story teller, auto insurance regulations, Eaglebrook singers, picnic and flu clinic.

Pat Garanin who has been nurse at the flu clinic and a Council on Aging member has moved, she will be missed.

Joanne Balzarini has been advisor to the Council on Aging and has written and received grants for this purpose.

Council members are:

Doris Glabach, Chairman

Alan Snow

Doris Snow

Stephen Barber,

Nellie Barber

Dorothy Howes

Edith Fisher

Joanne Balzarini, Advisor

REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of FCSWMD member communities:

In FY'92, the District implemented a number of key programs in its ongoing quest to increase local recycling efforts and reduce solid waste management costs for member towns.

SOLID WASTE COMPOSTING

Major strides were taken this year toward the District's goal of developing a facility to compost solid waste and sewage sludge generated by District member towns:

SITING PROCESS: The District researched and issued a request for proposals (RFP) to purchase land for the facility. The RFP included highly specific siting criteria to protect the interests of the potential host community. The District expects to have a site identified by this Spring.

GRANT FUNDING: The District received two grants to assist in the siting and development of its compost facility. Proctor & Gamble Co. committed up to \$100,000.00 in a matching grant for education, site review, marketing research, and permitting costs. The State Dept. of Environmental Protection awarded \$9,000 to assist in a compost marketing study.

CAPITAL BUDGET: With the site procurement process underway, the District began work on a capital budget to buy land and construct a facility, as soon as a suitable site is found.

PLASTICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

COLLECTION PROGRAM: Plastics recycling came to 17 District towns last fall. The District signed a contract with Goodwill Industries to pick up specific grades of plastic containers at town collection sites. In Greenfield and Turners Falls, four supermarkets agreed to serve as collection sites.

STORAGE SHED CONSTRUCTION: The District received a \$15,000.00 grant from the Council for Solid Waste Solutions to build collection and storage sheds for recycled plastic containers. The sheds, constructed by students at the Franklin County Tech School, are partially constructed from recycled plastic lumber.

FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

The District was a major exhibitor at this year's Fair. Our booth featured displays on plastics recycling, home composting, solid waste composting, and alternatives to household hazardous wastes. Our "Waste Watchers" T-shirts and bumper stickers were a big hit, as was the picnic table made of recycled plastic lumber. We also sponsored two performances of Jack Golden's "Trash is my Bag" show.

PLANS FOR FY'93

EDUCATION: The District, in collaboration with other western Mass. solid waste groups, has applied for a major educational grant from the Farmers Home Administration, and is seeking other grant funding for its education programs.

COMPOSTING: Focus will be on lining up the necessary local and state permits to construct the solid waste composting facility.

RECYCLING: Expand plastics collection to include other materials, as markets become available.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: Mount major educational drive encouraging people not to buy hazardous materials; work with local stores to provide shelf-labeling for hazardous products.

We encourage you to take an active role in all the District's programs and welcome your input as we move into FY'93.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Rottenberg, Administrator
Richard D. Little, Chair

REPORT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

At your 1992 Town Meeting, citizens chose how your town would be represented at the "County Town Meeting" had the proposed Franklin county charter been approved last November.

The charter commission which drafted the proposed charter wanted to give voters control over how they would be represented: by a directly elected representative or through the selectmen or their designee.

The Charter Bill, which required the state's approval before being placed on local ballots however, was not reported out of House Ways & Means. As such, the legislature failed to give Franklin county Voters the choice of having a charter or not.

Its not difficult to understand why the legislature did not give Franklin county voters home rule control over their future as a region. Our charter would protect County tax payers from being fleeced by the state when the legislature fails to responsibly fund the county jail or the state's occupancy of our courthouse.

The charter is once again before the legislature. The Commissioners and Sheriff are working together to assure that adequate funding of the jail does not come at the cost of regional services to the municipalities. Please let your legislators know that Franklin County deserves to decide its own future; and the state needs to met its responsibilities and get out of the way.

**Annual Report
of the
School Department**

TOWN OF LEYDEN

1991

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
JANUARY 1, 1992 TO DECEMBER 31, 1992**

To the citizens of the member towns of the Franklin County
Technical School District:

Bernardston	Greenfield	Shelburne
Buckland	Heath	Sunderland
Colrain	Leyden	Warwick
Conway	Montague	Wendell
Deerfield	New Salem	Whately
Erving	Northfield	
Gill	Orange	

Today, perhaps more than ever, vocational education is at the forefront in education, providing students with quality education and job placement. Franklin County Tech School is a leader in this valued field. We continue to see more and more of our graduates go on to higher education or step into the job market and become productive members of our society. We maintain a strong tie with Greenfield Community College and continue to offer a variety of adult retraining courses in the Tech Connection as well as affording our students a chance to earn college credits for certain approved areas of study while in school at Franklin County Tech.

Education reform is on the horizon. It will bring new and exciting challenges to educators and school committees alike. Couple this with projected increases in secondary school enrollments and you can see that we are at a crossroad. As we turn the corner and begin to rebuild Franklin County Tech important decisions about program, job market, and staffing will all be a part of the challenge.

In December the committee received the sad news that Superintendent-Director David Filkins is planning to retire in March of 1994. The committee with the help of staff, students, parents, and trade advisors will begin the difficult task of searching for a new leader who can continue to offer the Tech School guidance and support through the years of change ahead. We cannot hope to "replace" David Filkins, but only to move ahead. I know that the nineteen towns of this district are losing a valuable voice of fiscal understanding, a voice well known in educational politics, and most of all an honorable man.

On behalf of the entire committee, our thanks to all of our dedicated administrators, teachers, and support staff, who continue to get the job done in a professional and caring way for all of our students.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharleen Moffatt, Chairperson

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR**

**CALENDAR YEAR
JANUARY 1, 1992 TO DECEMBER 31, 1992**

I am pleased to submit my eighth annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. As in previous reports, I will briefly report only on those significant events that have contributed to our school's growth and progress during the past year.

The student enrollment decreases which have been evidence in the nation, state, and country high schools for the past seven years appear to have come to an end. The school enrollment increased this year and sending school numbers indicate this trend should continue for the next few years.

The October 1, 1992 enrollment by District and Non-District towns are as follows:

Bernardston	14
Buckland	12
Colrain	9
Conway	1
Deerfield	17
Erving	13
Gill	10
Greenfield1	18
Heath	5
Leyden	2
Montague	75
New Salem	7
Northfield	11
Orange	68
Shelburne	7
Sunderland	7
Warwick	9
Wendell	11
Whately	3

Non-District Towns

Amherst	9
Ashfield	3
Charlemont	7
Leverett	2
Plainfield	1
Rowe	2
Shutesbury	1
So. Hadley	1
Hawley	1

As in every year since this school's opening, perhaps the most serious problem facing this School District is the major handicap of attempting to establish educationally sound and fiscally responsive operational budgets nearly two years in advance of the expenditure calendar for those budgets. This difficulty is compounded by the fact that nearly fifty percent of the cost of every regional school budget is borne by state reimbursements. When, as it often happens, the state changes reimbursement projections, after local budgets have been finalized, the results are destructive to effective budget analysis and management.

We continue to enroll unemployed or underemployed adults on a full time basis into our regular day programs. This will provide skill training or retraining to assist these people in entering the job market.

A very successful Career Fair was held last Spring and eighth graders from each of the sending schools were given an opportunity to explore careers in many vocational fields. Articulation agreements with Holyoke, Springfield Technical, and Greenfield Community Colleges have been signed with allow our students to receive college credit based on their competence in vocational programs.

As in the past, a large number of community service projects were completed by our school production shops. The annual house building project (being built this year in Greenfield) is our major project, however, a large number of District towns benefitted from the skills of our student body. We have also been involved in a number of remodeling projects at County Senior Citizen Centers and the construction of recycling sheds for several member towns.

The Tech School continues to receive a large and varied number of federal grants allocated to curricular improvement. The

school receives in excess of two hundred thousand dollars in direct grant dollars to assist us in developing a large number of vocational and special education programs. Furthermore, a number of our area business and industrial firms donated valuable materials, equipment, and services to our school.

Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to be very effective job placement vehicles for the Tech School student. As of September, 1992, our Senior placement record was as follows:

Available for placement	83
Entered College	24
Entered Military	4
Entered Work Force	51
Employed in Related Shop Training	30
Employed in Unrelated Shop Training	21

JOB PLACEMENT (Total) 62%

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire educational community at the Tech School. Their support and understanding have been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Filkins
Superintendent-Director

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**TOWN OF LEYDEN
1992**

To the school committee and the citizens of Leyden:

It is a pleasure to submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District.

The enrollment at the Leyden Elementary School exceeded the century mark this fall for the first time in many years (ever?). 106 students began school this September, 11 more than the 97 that attended last year. This increase reflects the kind of steady growth that we have seen in recent years. All indications are that this pattern will continue for the foreseeable future. The addition has proven to be a wise move indeed. We would really be scrambling without it.

We added several new staff members, including classroom teachers Wendy Brewster, Grades 2/3 and Judy Tedesco, Grades 5/6. The other classroom teachers and their assignments are: Penny Block, Grades Pre-K & K; Jenny Allard, Grade 1; Pearl Rhodes, Grades 5/6; and Denise Swaringen, Special Education. Topping all personnel news was the celebration of Pearl Rhodes' fifty years of teaching last spring. In a Sunday service on the common, town residents (past and present) turned out to honor Ms. Rhodes' long and distinguished career. The highlight of the day was the ceremony that officially renamed the building the "Pearl Rhodes Elementary School". It is a tribute richly deserved.

The school district is now in its second year of operation as a full K-12 region. The expansion has proven to be a wise move from several perspectives. Financially, we used the additional state aid to decrease town assessments an average of 15% in 1992/93. Organizationally, the transitional issues have been resolved and a newly elected (at large) school committee took office in November. Educationally, we were able to hire new staff, purchase supplies and equipment and begin work on a coordinated K-12 curriculum.

Despite our recent good fortune, finances will continue to be a time-consuming priority. As we stated during the regionalization process, the additional aid will only reduce, not solve, our financial problems. There is no way around the fact that good education costs money. Until and unless our legislators revamp the way public education is funded, the difficulties will continue.

The Pioneer District manages its finances very well, but we are laboring under a system that is unfair and inadequate. This brings us once again to educational reform. As most of you are aware, our state legislature is conducting its annual debate on a bill that will "reform" education. Every year we are told that the

passage of a reform bill is imminent, and every year it fails to happen. The current version contains good and bad, but at least it attempts to address the funding issue. Whether it will benefit us (should it pass) is anybody's guess. In the meantime we will continue our search for alternative source of funds. We hope that we are as successful as we were with regionalization.

1992 was the first full year of operation for the organization known as the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, K-12. As such it was a transitional year with innumerable details-both anticipated and unanticipated to attend to. I am happy to report that most of them are now resolved (knock on wood). The school committee that was elected in November has some new faces, but many familiar ones as well. The same is true of the elementary advisory committees. The relationships between the advisory committees and the school committee are excellent. The advisory committees have remained active and the school committee depends upon them for recommendations concerning the elementary schools. Those recommendations have been supported, without exception, by the school committee. There are a number of tough issues that will come before the committees in the next few months, beginning with the establishment of the 1993/94 budget. As long as we continue to treat one another with respect, patience and understanding we will be equal to the challenges. Given our history of cooperation, I am confident that we will.

The district's reputation for educational excellence is growing steadily. The high school receives far more requests than it can grant for visitations and the presentations relating to its heterogeneous grouping. The early childhood teachers (grades Pre K-2) have developed a portfolio assessment program that is attracting more and more attention from the Department of Education and other school districts who see it as a model of its kind. And, there is an increasing number of inquiries from educators who are impressed with the process we are using to coordinate the district curriculum from Pre K through grade twelve. In the hearings and meetings on regionalization, the need for a coordinated curriculum emerged as a top priority. The school committee agreed and sanctioned the formation of a district curriculum planning council that began work this past fall. The council and overall process are part of the Glatthoun model of curriculum renewal.

Although we are proud of our accomplishments, we know that we are a long way from perfect. There are several areas that we need to focus on in the months ahead including technology,

accountability, space at the high school and a student population that is becoming more culturally diverse.

All in all we are doing pretty well, but we are not satisfied. Nor will we ever be. We are firmly committed to a goal of educational excellence. Given adequate resources, we will continue to make steady progress. With a combination of your support and our successful pursuit of alternative funding we have been able to avert the kind of devastating cuts in education that other communities have suffered. There is no question that we will need similar efforts to succeed in the coming year.

As always it has been a pleasure to serve you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin J. Courtney
Superintendent of Schools

TOWN OF LEYDEN - 1992 - TOWN REPORT

LEYDEN ENROLLMENT REPORT OCTOBER, 1992

<u>Elementary:</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Pre-K	8	4	12
	K	7	7	14
	1	9	6	15
	2	8	2	10
	3	4	8	12
	4	7	5	12
	5	9	10	19
	6	7	5	12

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<u>Pioneer Valley Regional:</u>				
	7	6	3	9
	8	8	7	15
	9	3	2	5
	10	3	5	8
	11	6	3	9
	12	4	3	7

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Private:

Northfield Mount Hermon

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TOWN OF LEYDEN - 1992 - TOWN REPORT

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

K-12 SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1991 - 1992

	Appropriated 1991-1992	Expended 7/1/91 - 6/30/92	Budgeted 1992-1993
1000 Administration	\$ 184,215.00	\$ 191,931.91	\$ 206,226.00
2000 Instruction	2,578,578.00	2,736,265.24	3,036,100.00
3000 Other Services	590,132.00	568,122.69	630,009.00
4000 Operation & Maintenance	368,040.00	404,164.38	399,307.00
5000 Fixed Charges	349,815.00	380,626.81	576,026.00
7000 Acquisition of Equipment	3,583.00	22,460.87	23,028.00
9000 Programs with Other Schools	<u>120,887.00</u>	<u>105,538.53</u>	<u>164,010.00</u>
	\$ 4,195,250.00	\$ 4,409,110.43	\$ 5,034,706.00
Plus Deferred Salaries	160,809.00		
Plus Smith Voc. Tech. School	<u>8,018.00</u>	<u>8,228.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 4,364,077.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,417,338.43</u>	

NET COST OF EDUCATION - 1991-92 (K-12, inc. Voc. Tech.)

Disbursements		\$ 4,417,338.43	
Reimbursements:			
School Aid, Chapter 70	\$ 346,468.00		
Transportation	224,781.00		
School Construction, Ch. 645	211,746.00		
Aid to Regional Schools	<u>572,200.00</u>	<u>1,355,195.00</u>	
			\$ 3,062,143.43
Assessments:			
Pioneer Valley Regional School		1,395,634.42	
Franklin County Voc. Tech.		148,488.58	
Capital		<u>81,285.43</u>	<u>1,625,408.43</u>
Net Cost of Education			<u>\$ 1,436,735.00</u>

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

K-12 SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

1992

Opening cash balance - January 1, 1992			(\$ 16,178.49)
Receipts	\$ 188,685.33		
Transfer from Contingency	<u>2,968.23</u>		
		\$ 191,653.56	
Disbursements		<u>188,877.25</u>	

2,776.31

TOWN OF LEYDEN - 1992 - TOWN REPORT

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

1992

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Patrick Daly	(Term expires 1994)	Bernardston
Karen L. Fitzpatrick	(Term expires 1996)	Bernardston
Ellen L. Pelletier, Vice Chair	(Term expires 1996)	Bernardston
Sharon Fontaine	(Term expires 1996)	Leyden
Rita J. Klaus	(Term expires 1994)	Leyden
James Nielsen	(Term expires 1994)	Leyden
Raymond H. Harris	(Term expires 1994)	Northfield
Mary E. Llewelyn	(Term expires 1996)	Northfield
Patricia E. Shearer, Chair	(Term expires 1996)	Northfield
Linda L. Gale	(Term expires 1996)	Warwick
Alan D. Genovese	(Term expires 1994)	Warwick
Denise M. LaPlante	(Term expires 1996)	Warwick

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
1991**

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL 1991**

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my twelfth annual report as Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Several new staff members joined us this year. Ann Hynes teaches science and computers and Roberta Lojko teaches English. Kerry Meehan was hired to replace Amy Mann who is on an unpaid leave. Jonathan Cade teaches instrumental music at both Pioneer and the elementary schools. We also share Vickie Rowe as a school nurse and a nurse for some special needs students in the elementary schools.

ENROLLMENT FOR 92-93**BOYS GIRLS TUIT NFLD BERN LEYD WARW TOTAL**

Grade 7	55	37	7	40	28	10	9	94
Grade 8	47	41	3	36	24	15	10	88
Grade 9	39	46	8	34	33	5	5	85
Grade 10	25	26	3	21	14	7	6	51
Grade 11	35	34	3	34	18	8	6	69
Grade 12	14	30	2	15	12	7	8	44
TOTAL	215	216	26	180	129	52	44	431

1992 was a year of self-evaluation for Pioneer in preparation for renewed accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, our regional accrediting board. The self evaluation was reviewed in October by a visiting committee from MEASC. The final report will not be issued until the Spring of 1992. However the preliminary report appears quite satisfactory. In fact, Pioneer was singled out as having an exemplary program in dealing with mixed ability classes.

Pioneer continues in its efforts to meet the needs of our student population. This is not always easy as we face increasing economic pressures to somehow, do more with less. Our population is increasing and projections have us at or nearing 600 students by school year 95-96. Our building and its facilities was singled out in the NEASC accreditation report as being in need of much attention. We are faced with the difficult choices of cutting staff and this programs or cutting maintenance and equipment. Neither can be eliminated if we are to face our responsibility to give our students the quality education they deserve.

The Building and Grounds Subcommittee is currently looking at the problem of overcrowding at Pioneer and will be making some recommendations to the full school committee in the future.

My sincere appreciation to Superintendent Courtney, my school committee, my faculty and staff, our students and the parents and citizens of our school district for their unselfish and untiring efforts on behalf of their school and its students in 1992. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Evrett H. Masters
Principal

TOWN OF LEYDEN

MINUTES OF 1992 TOWN MEETINGS

Special Town Meeting called to order 7:15p.m. Monday, February 24, 1992 by moderator Norman R. Oates Jr. with a quorum of 26 present.

ARTICLE #1: I move to transfer from available funds or borrow an amount not to exceed \$15,906.00 in anticipation of state revenues as authorized by Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1991, the Transportation Bond, so called, for the reconstruction of the Town's roads.

Motion made by Michele Giarusso

Seconded by Robert D. Snow

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE #2: I move that the town appropriate by transfer from the stabilization fund to the notes and interest account the sum of \$15,230.74 for the payment of interest on notes payable during the current fiscal year.

Motion made by William J.A. Bonwitt

Seconded by Robert D. Snow

Unanimous Vote

Meeting adjourned 7:37 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact record of the votes taken February 24, 1992 in the Town of Leyden.

Attest: Mary Lou Barton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF LEYDEN - 1992 - TOWN REPORT

Results of Annual Caucus held Monday, February 24, 1992 at the Leyden Town Hall at 8:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

The following officers were nominated:

Moderator	Norman R. Oates, Jr.
Tax Collector	Mary Lou Barton
Town Clerk	Mary Lou Barton
Treasurer	William J.A. Bonwitt
Selectman	Robert D. Snow
	Joseph A. Muka Jr.
Assessor	Douglas A. Beck
Auditor	Bruce Kaepfel
Tree Warden	Arthur Beaudoin
Robertson Memorial	
Library Trust	Rita Klaus
Planning Board	Thomas J. Luck
Board of Health	Elizabeth Kidder
Constable	Bruce P. Zimmerman
Planning Board	David Vreeland

Caucus Committee:

Janine L. Risser-Sperry
Valarie T. Snow

I hereby certify that this is an exact record of the caucus held at the Leyden Town Hall on February 24, 1992.

Attest: Mary Lou Barton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF LEYDEN
WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Town meeting of the Town of Leyden called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Moderator Norman R. Oates Jr. with 53 present, on Monday, May 18, 1992.

Michele Giarusso made the motion that the votes on Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 35 and 38 (or any money articles) be postponed until June 22nd 1992 at 7:00 p.m.. Motion seconded by Wendell Barton. James Nielsen amended the motion to change the date until June 29, 1992. Seconded by Jerry McCarthy. All motions carried by affirmative vote.

Article 1: (I move) to choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year,

Three Fence Viewers:

Philip Zimmerman
Carl Johnson
Warren E. Facey, Jr.

Three Field Drivers:

Carl Johnson
Sidney Herron
Robert Croutworst

Three Pound Keepers:

Arthur Dobias
Edwin Damon Jr.
Harold Johnson

Three Surveyors of Wood and Timber:

David Baker
Austin Dobias Mr.
Edward Caron, Sr.

Unanimous Vote

Article #2: (I move) to accept the report of the town officers for the year 1991.

Motion made by Michele Giarusso

Seconded by Robert Snow

Unanimous Vote

Article #3: (I move) to discuss Article #3

Motion made by Thomas Luck

Seconded by Michele Giarusso

Unanimous Vote

Article #4: (I move) to discuss Article #4

Motion made by Thomas Luck

Seconded by Peter Tusinski

Unanimous Vote

Article #5: (I move) to discuss Article #5

Motion made by Thomas Luck

Seconded by Janine Risser-Sperry

Unanimous Vote

Article #6: (I move) to discuss Article #6

Motion made by Edward Johnson

Seconded by Janine Risser-Sperry

Unanimous Vote

Article #7: (I move) to discuss Article #7

Motion made by Michele Giarusso

Seconded by Gerry Levine

Unanimous Vote

Article #9: (I move) to authorize the PVRs District to accept an E.E.O.G. for the FY 1993 for the amount of \$77,072.00

Motion made by Michele Giarusso

Seconded by Wendell Barton

Unanimous Vote

Article #10: (I move) to discuss Article #10

Motion made by James Nielsen

Seconded by Janine Risser-Sperry

Unanimous Vote

Article #11: (I move) to discuss Article #11
Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry
Seconded by James Nielsen
Unanimous Vote

Article #12: (I move) to discuss Article #12
Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry
Seconded by William J.A. Bonwitt
Unanimous Vote

Article #13: (I move) to discuss Article #13
Motion made to pass over this
Motion made by Robert Snow
Seconded by James Nielsen
Unanimous Vote

Article #14: (I move) to authorize the F.C.T.S.D. (Franklin county Technical School District) to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant (EEOG) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of an unspecified amount in additional educational aid for Fiscal 1993,
Motion made by Gerald Levine
Seconded by Sharon Fontaine
Unanimous Vote

Article #15: (I move) to discuss Article 15
Motion made by Gerald Levine
Seconded by Robert Risser-Sperry
Unanimous Vote

Article #16: (I move) to pass over this article
Motion made by William J.A. Bonwitt
Seconded by Robert Snow
Unanimous Vote

Article # 39: (I move) we vote to adopt one of the following options for selecting its representatives to the County Legislative Body if the Franklin county Charter is approved at the November 3, 1992 election. The alternatives are:

- (1) The Town representatives to the county town will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen:

(2) The Town representatives to the County Town Meeting
will be elected by the Town's Registered Voters.

Motion made by Thomas Luck for option #2. Seconded by
Lois Garston

Passed Affirmative vote

Article #41: (I move) to authorize the Pioneer Valley Regional
School District to establish a stabilization account for the Pioneer
Regional School District.

Motion originally by Michele Giarusso

Seconded by Anthony Creamer

Motioned carried as above by 20 to 16

Article #17: (I move) to discuss Article #17

Article #18: (I move) to discuss both Article #17 and Article #18.

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by William Bonwitt

Unanimous Vote

Article #19: (I move) to discuss Article #19

Motion made by Thomas Luck

Seconded by Janine Risser-Sperry

Unanimous Vote

Article #20: (I move) to discuss Article #20

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Jerry McCarthy

Unanimous Vote

Article #21: (I move) to discuss Article #21

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Lois Garston

Unanimous Vote

Article #22: (I move) to discuss Article #22

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Carol Johnson

Unanimous Vote

Article #23: (I move) to discuss Article #23

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Jerry McCarthy

Unanimous Vote

Article #24 (I move) to establish a revolving account for the Recreation Committee in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, in order to purchase supplies and expenses not to exceed \$2,500 annually.

Motion made by Michele Giarusso

Seconded by Janine Risser-Sperry

Motion carried

Article #25: (I move) to discuss Article #25

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Michael Saracino

Unanimous

Article #27: (I move) to discuss Article #27

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Lois Garston

Unanimous

Article #28: (I move) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Town of Bernardston and/or Franklin county Solid Waste Management District not requiring an appropriation, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40 Section 4A for the disposal of the Town's solid waste in the Town of Bernardston's Landfill.

Motion made by Thomas Luck

Seconded by Wendell Barton

Unanimous Vote

Article #29: (I move) to discuss Article #29

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Jerry McCarthy

Unanimous

Article #30: (I move) to discuss Article #30

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Jerry McCarthy

Unanimous

Article #31: Motion to pass over

Thomas luck and Robert Snow

Unanimous

Article #32: (I move) as written by Wendell Barton and seconded by Michele Giarusso. William J.A. Bonwitt moved to amend the amount to \$1000.00 seconded by Michael Saracino. No further discussion on Article #32 as motion to adjourn at 11:03 by Thomas Luck for lack of quorum.

June 19, 1992 Reconvened Annual Town Meeting called to order by Moderator Norman R. Oates Jr. at 7:05 P.M. with 29 registered voters in attendance.

Article #3: (I move) to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,334.00

Assessors:

Chair	1600.00
Other Members (2)	2600.00

Auditor	100.00
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Collector of Taxes	2,000.00
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Constable	80.00
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Board of Health:

Chair	150.00
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Other Members (2)	200.00
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Moderator

Annual Meeting @ 15.00	
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Special Meetings (3) @ 5.00 each	\$30.00
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Planning Board:

Chair	150.00
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Other Members (4)	400.00
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Selectmen:

Chair	700.00
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Other Members (2)	1300.00
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Town Clerk & Registrar	2,000.00
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Treasurer & Accountant	7,024.00
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Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by William Lawson

Motion carried with one dissenting vote

Article #4: (I move) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,159.70 for the necessary expenses of the town.

Ambulance Service Expense	2,292.00
Assessor's Clerk	1,300.00
Assessors' Expense	1,300.00
Board of Health	200.00
Building Inspector	3857.70
Cemeteries	300.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Detector Inspection	100.00
Dog Officer Wages & Expenses	400.00
Electrical Inspector	850.00
Finance Committee Expense	95.00
Inspector Barns & Animals	75.00
Legal Expense	1,500.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Moderator's Expense	50.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	600.00
Planning Board Expense	150.00
Printing	1,300.00
School Committee Travel	
Elementary	240.00
PVRs	300.00
Tech School	100.00
Selectmen's Expense	1,100.00
Selectmen's Clerk	5,500.00
Tax Collector's Expense	1,500.00
Town Administrative Assistant	11,700.00
Town Clerk's Expense	750.00
Treasurer's Expense	1,500.00
Tree Warden Wages & Expenses	<u>800.00</u>

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by James Nielsen

Unanimous Vote

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Article #5: (I move) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,330.00 for the operation and expenses of the Police Department.

Salaries: Chief	\$3,000.00
Dues and Fees	250.00
Emergency Dispatch	2,958.00
Equipment Maintenance	500.00
Fuel, Oil, Vehicle Maintenance	2,500.00
Hourly Wages	5,200.00
Materials, Supplies, Services	500.00
Telephones	300.00
Training & Equipment	1125.00

Motion made by Joseph A. Muka Jr.

Seconded by Michele Giarusso

Unanimous vote

Article #6: (I move) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,492.60 for the operation and expenses of the Fire Department.

Salaries: Chief	\$500.00
Assistant Chief	400.00
Hourly Pay/Firefighting	2,335.00
Equipment & Supplies	1,000.00
Training & Memberships	200.00
Utilities, Building Maintenance	1,000.00
Emergency Dispatch	2,957.60
Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	1,100.00

Motion made by Joseph Muka Jr.

Seconded by Jerry McCarthy

Unanimous vote

Article #7: (I move) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the Town Building's Account

Motion made by Michele Giarusso

Seconded by Wendell Barton

Unanimous vote

Article #8: (I move) to pass over this article.

Motion made by James Nielsen

Seconded by Lois Garston

Motion carried one dissenting vote

Article #10: (I move) the to raise and appropriate the sum of \$371,688.00 for the Town's share of the operating budget of the Pioneer Valley Regional School (PVRS) District as adopted by the PVRS District Committee for the Fiscal year July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, said vote to be contingent upon the favorable outcome of a future referendum, if needed, to authorize overriding the levy limits in accordance with MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C subsections G and M.

Motion made by James Nielsen

Seconded by Thomas Luck

Motion carried 2 dissenting votes

Article #11 (I move) the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,913.54 for the town's share of the Capital Budget of the Pioneer Valley Regional School (PVRS) District as adopted by the PVRS District Committee for the fiscal year July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993.

Motion made by Michele Giarusso

Seconded by Jerry McCarthy

Unanimous vote

Article #12: (I move) the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 for the repayment if indebtedness incurred by the Town for the purposes of remodeling, reconstructing, and otherwise improving the elementary school, said indebtedness having been incurred by vote of the Town at a Town meeting held on March 25, 1991, and said amount to be raised outside of the debt limit as voted by the Town as said Town Meeting and later ratified by ballot.

Motion made by William J.A. Bonwitt

Seconded by Michele Giarusso

Unanimous vote

Article #15 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,194.95 capital and operating costs as Leyden's share of the Franklin County Technical School Budget for Fiscal year 1993.

Motion made by Gerry Levine

Seconded by Wendell L. Barton

Unanimous vote

Article #17 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for Maintenance and Construction of the Town's roads.

Motion made by Wendell Barton

Seconded by Jerry McCarthy

Unanimous Vote

Article #18 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,242.15 for the Machinery Account.

Motion made by Wendell Barton

Seconded by Janine Risser-Sperry

Unanimous vote.

Article #19 Postponed until after Article #30

Article #20 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000.00 for insurance coverage and personnel related costs.

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by James Nielsen

Unanimous Vote

Article #21 (I move) the Town appropriate from the Library Incentive Grant the sum of \$1,612.00 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,519.00 for a total of \$131.00 for the Robertson Memorial Library.

Motion made by James Nielsen

Seconded by Thomas Luck

Unanimous Vote

Article #22 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for repairs to the Robertson Memorial Library.

Motion made by Lois Garston

Seconded by James Nielsen

Unanimous Vote

Article #23 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the recreation committee.

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by James Nielsen

Unanimous Vote

Article #25 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund.

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Ann McCarthy

Unanimous Vote

Article #26 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3600.00 for Revaluation.

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by James Nielsen

Unanimous Vote

Article #27 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$637.00 to pay its allocated share of the budget of the Franklin county Solid Waste Management District.

Motion made by Robert Bartlett

Seconded by Gary Wallace

Unanimous Vote

Article #29 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate to a fund to be known as the Solid Waste Fund, the sum of \$10,000.00

Expenditures may only be made from this fund by Vote of Town Meeting

Motion made by William J.A. Bonwitt

Seconded by James Nielsen

Motion carried with 2 dissenting votes

Article #30 (I move) the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,010.00 for the Stabilization fund.

Motion made by James Nielsen

Seconded by William Lawson

Unanimous Vote

Article #19 (I move) the Town take from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$50,000.00 to purchase a new truck and body.

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by William Lawson

Motion Lost

Article #31 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Notes and Interest Account.

Motion made by Janine Risser-Sperry

Seconded by Katherine DiMatteo
Unanimous Vote

Article #32 (I move) the Town establish a Revolving Account for the Dog Officer, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, in order to purchase supplies and meet expenses associated with the capture, care, and keeping of dogs, said supplies and expenses not to exceed \$300.00 annually.

Motion made by James Nielsen
Seconded by Janine Risser-Sperry
Unanimous Vote

Article #33 Motion made by Wendell L. Barton and seconded by Michele Giarusso to pass over Article #33.

Unanimous Vote

Article #34 (I move) the Town accept Section 123 of Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1991, to permit town officers to fix reasonable fees for permits, licenses, certificates or services.

Motion made by Wendell L. Barton
Seconded by Michele Giarusso
Carried with 4 dissenting votes

Article #35 (I move) the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Accountant pursuant to Sections 55 of Chapter 41 of the Mass General Laws, such an appointment to be made as soon as possible and upon recommendation of a search committee to consist of a representative of the Board of Selectmen, a representative of the Finance committee, the Treasurer, the Tax Collector, and a person to be appointed by the Moderator who shall have prior service as a treasurer, tax collector, or selectman of the Town. The representative of the Board of Selectmen shall serve as Chairperson of the search committee. Funding for this appointment during fiscal year 1993 shall come from the line item "Treasurer and Accountant" in Article 3 of this Warrant, provided that during any month prior to the appointment of the Town Accountant, the Treasurer shall receive as salary one twelfth (1/12) of the total appropriation, and provided that during any month after the appointment of the Town Accountant, the Treasurer shall receive as salary two hundred (200.00) dollars. As provided in section 55 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the position of Town Auditor shall be abolished as of the election to be held at the next annual town

meeting following the appointment of a Town Accountant.

Motion made by William J.A. Bonwitt

Seconded by Paul C. Zimmerman

Unanimous Vote

Article #36 (I move) the Town adopt the following resolution:

Resolved:

That the Town of Leyden calls upon the legislature to appropriate annually and fully distribute the legally required fifteen percent of gas tax receipts to cities and towns, for the construction, maintenance, and policing of local roads.

Motion made by Thomas Luck

Seconded by Lois Garston

Unanimous Vote

Article #37 (I move) the Town accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 140, Section 147A, which would allow the Town to withdraw from the Franklin County Dog program

Motion made by Thomas Luck

Seconded by Robert Risser-Sperry

Negative Vote by unanimous

Article #38 (I move) the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the purpose of repair/renovation in order to establish an office for the Town Clerk and Collector of Taxes.

Motion made by Joseph A. Muka Jr.

Seconded by Jerry Garston

Motion carried with one dissenting vote

Article #40 (I move) the Town vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 57C regarding quarterly tax bills, beginning in Fiscal year 1994.

Motion made by James Nielsen

Seconded by Kathy DiMatteo

Motion carried with six (6) dissenting votes

Meeting adjourned at 11:10

I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Leyden held June 29, 1992.

ATTEST: Mary Lou Barton, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting held Monday August 4, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leyden Town Hall called to order by Moderator Norman R. Oates, Jr. with 25 present at 7:45

Article #1 (I move) to transfer from the Stabilization Account the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of a new highway truck and sander.

Motion made by Wendell L. Barton

Seconded by Gil Stacy

Unanimous Vote

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the Special Town Meeting held Monday, August 4, 1992 at 7:30

ATTEST: Mary Lou Barton, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting held Monday, October 19, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. called to order by Moderator Norman R. Oates, Jr. at 7:45 p.m. with 25 present at the Leyden Town Hall.

Article #1 (I move) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$534.11 and transfer the sum of \$1000.00 from Quintas Allen Fund to the PVRs Operating Account.

Motion made by Wendell Barton

Seconded by Joseph Muka Jr.

Unanimous Vote

Article #2 (I move) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to the School Building Account.

Motion made by Wendell Barton

Seconded by Michele Giarusso

Unanimous Vote

Article #3 (I move) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$575.52 to the Town Administrative Assistant Account.

Motion made by Michele Giarusso

Seconded by Wendell Barton

Motion carried with one dissenting vote

Article #4 (I move) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Board of Health Expense account for the purpose of funding Leyden's share of a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Motion made by Joseph Muka Jr.

Seconded by Michele Giarusso

Motion carried with one dissenting vote

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.m

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact record of the Special Town Meeting October 19, 1992.

ATTEST: Mary Lou Barton, Town Clerk

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If you are interested in serving on an appointed committee,
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All committee vacancies will be filled by citizens deemed most
qualified to serve in a particular capacity.

Name -----Home Phone-----

Address-----

Interest In What Town Committees -----

Present Business Affiliation and Work -----

Education or Special Training-----

Date Appointed	Town Office Held	Term Expired
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